

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Agriculture Department - Sri B. Venakatanarayana, former Joint Director of Agriculture, East Godavari District (Now retired) – Initiated Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991– written statement of defence submitted – Inquiry Officer appointed – Inquiry report submitted – Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 901

Dated: 18-07-2009.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.485-A, Agrl. & Coopn. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 30-4-2007.
2. From Sri B.Venkatanarayana, former JDA, E.G. District (Now retired) written statement of defence dated 1-8-2007.
3. G.O.Rt.No.834, Agrl. & Coopn. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 4-7-2008.
4. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad Lr.No.Vig.I(1)468/2006, dated 16-1-2009 along with No.CC/ Addl.D.A.- I/Eng./EG./2008, dated 31-12-2008(Inquiry Report).
5. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad Lr.No.Vig.I(1)468/2006, dated 1-4-2009 and 15-6-2009.

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ORDER :

Disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri B. Venakatanarayana, former Joint Director of Agriculture, East Godavari District (Now retired) under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the allegation made by the A.P. Agricultural Officers Association, East Godavari Unit, Kakinada that he demanding percentages from the amounts sanctioned for hiring of vehicles and delaying the budget released for conducting various Government programmes like polambadi, Publicity Campaign, Rythu Sadassu etc., ; that pending the license renewal for months together deliberately for demanding money. As such the Agriculture Officers were unable to perform their duties of shop inspection and conducting Government programmes etc., and framed (4) four articles of charges against him and requested to submit his written statement of defence vide reference 1st read above.

2. Sri B. Venakatanarayana, former Joint Director of Agriculture, East Godavari District (Now retired) vide reference 2nd read above, has submitted his written statement of defence. In respect of Charge No. 1 the Charged Officer has submitted that he never requested orally or in written to pay the 10% amount; that he instructed the Assistant to handover the DDs to Asst. Director of Agriculture/Agriculture officers and got the vehicle owner acquaintance token of having received the DDs. In respect of Charge No. 2 he stated that advances were released to the Asst. Directors of Agriculture for Rythu Sadassu programmes during May, 2006 and on receipt of indents from them, the requirements of releases were met. Apart from the budget allotment some advances also provided from the Joint Director of Agriculture's officer to the Asst, Director of Agriculture on reimbursement basis. In respect of Charge No. 3 he stated that concerned Assistants of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Kakinada were instructed to deliver the DDs intended to the Agriculture Officers for meeting the expenses of RAT campaigning. In respect of Charge No. 4 he submitted that he never demanded money from dealers for renewal and the delay was in the process only and should not be attributed to the Joint Director of Agriculture. Therefore, he has requested to drop further action against him in the matter.

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3. Government after examining the written statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer, and having not as convinced with the written statement of defence have appointed the Addl. Director of Agriculture –I, office of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad vide reference 3rd read above, as Inquiry Authority to conduct a regular inquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer. The Inquiry Officer has conducted the inquiry and submitted the inquiry report vide reference 4th read above. In his report the Inquiry Authority stated that there is no clinching evidence to show that the Charged Officer paid the amount to the then Joint Director of Agriculture for getting the demand drafts released; and nothing on record to show that the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Kakinada had delayed the release of budget under Rythu Sadassu programme; and thus there is no evidence to show that the Charged Officer is responsible for the delay in handing over of demand drafts under Rodent campaign and the allegation made by the Association, was only imaginary and no evidence was put forth by them to corroborate the same and held all (4) four charges are as not proved.
4. Government have carefully examined the case, with reference to the Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Authority and remarks of the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad and decided to drop further action against Sri B. Venakatanarayana, former Joint Director of Agriculture, East Godavari District (Now retired) in the matter.
5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri B. Venakatanarayana, former Joint Director of Agriculture, East Godavari District (Now retired).
6. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**RACHEL CHATTERJEE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri B. Venakatanarayana, former Joint Director of Agriculture,
East Godavari District (Now retired) through: The C&DA, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture,
A.P. Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER